

House Resolution 1495

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A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the State of Israel in its fight against terrorism; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Jewish people have had over 4,000 years of continuity in their ancestral
3 homeland and have been subjected to unspeakable acts of terrorism by others throughout
4 their history; and

5 WHEREAS, the Holocaust of the Nazi terror regime, when over six million Jewish people
6 were killed, only because of their beliefs, gave need for a state for safe haven for Jews; and

7 WHEREAS, for more than five decades since the legal establishment of the State of Israel,
8 its people have been subjected to continual terrorist activities and wars by its neighbors
9 dedicated to wiping Israel off the map and the philosophy of terrorism; and

10 WHEREAS, it is the moral right and duty for any legally established nation to protect its
11 people and its existence, as Israel has done and continues to do; and

12 WHEREAS, Palestinian organizations are engaging in an organized, systematic, and
13 deliberate campaign of terror aimed at inflicting as many casualties as possible on the Israeli
14 population, through the use of suicidal terrorist bombers and the propagation of the doctrine
15 of hate; and

16 WHEREAS, the actions of the Palestinian leadership intentionally target innocent civilians
17 of Israel to be killed, which is the definition of terrorism, thus making all who participate in
18 and pursue these actions terrorists; and

19 WHEREAS, the actions of the State of Israel have been only to hunt down and bring to
20 justice the terrorists and those who support and harbor terrorism in order to protect the
21 citizens of the State of Israel, the primary duty of any sovereign, peaceful state in the world;
22 and

1 WHEREAS, Israel has consistently pursued these goals with the stated purpose of not
2 harming innocent civilians in any way, therefore making their actions legally defensive rather
3 than terroristic; and

4 WHEREAS, Israel is doing nothing more than the United States is in hunting down and
5 bringing to justice the terrorists and the organizations involved in the senseless acts of
6 violence against innocent civilians in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania on
7 September 11, 2001; and

8 WHEREAS, the people of Georgia, along with all Americans, grieve the senseless loss of
9 innocent lives due to such infamous acts of terror and evil throughout our world; and

10 WHEREAS, the United States and Israel are now engaged in a common struggle against
11 terrorism and are on the front lines of a conflict thrust upon them against their will; and

12 WHEREAS, Israel's military operations are an effort to defend itself against the unspeakable
13 horrors of ongoing acts of terrorism and are aimed only at dismantling the terrorists'
14 infrastructure in the Palestinian areas, an obligation agreed to by Palestinian leadership but
15 never carried out; and

16 WHEREAS, the past and present Palestinian leadership has failed to abide by its
17 commitments to nonviolence made in the Israel-PLO Declaration of Principle (The Oslo
18 Accord) of September, 1993, including their pledges: (1) to adhere strictly to a peaceful
19 resolution of conflict; (2) to resolve all outstanding issues relating to permanent status
20 through negotiation; (3) to renounce the use of terrorism and other acts of violence; and (4)
21 to assume responsibility over all PLO elements and personnel in order to assure their
22 compliance with the commitment to nonviolence, prevent violence, and discipline violators;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, the continued terrorism and incitement committed, supported, and coordinated
25 by official arms of the Palestinian Authority are direct violations of these commitments; and

26 WHEREAS, Israel has taken the courageous initiative to pursue peace by their sacrificial
27 withdrawal from Gaza and made clear their intention to withdraw from the West Bank, even
28 though the Palestinian leadership has not complied with its part of the agreement nor made
29 any effort to stop terrorism; and

1 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia stands to be recognized as unequivocally supportive of the
2 State of Israel in its dire need to maintain its existence as a country and a democracy; and

3 WHEREAS, we stand with you as a state, as a nation, and as a people against terrorism and
4 tyranny and for the cause of freedom and democracy in the Middle East and around the
5 world; and

6 WHEREAS, we applaud your courage and your sacrificial stand for peace, and we recognize
7 the price you have paid, the sacrifice you have made, and the difficult road that lies ahead.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
9 the members of this body commend the State of Israel in its relentless battle against
10 terrorism, and for being representative of Western democracy and its values.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
12 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.